

F22: Southside Camera Club newsletter



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Meetings

7:30 pm: Woden Senior Citizens Club, 12 Corinna Street, Phillip

Third Thursday of the month

Next meeting Thursday 20 July: Tasmania presented by Luminta Lenuta

A friend, Dana, and I decided to go on an adventure and drive from Canberra to Tasmania and back. For two weeks we drove around Tasmania, we walked, we boated. We really enjoyed the nature, the beautiful unique landscape, the history, the lighthouses, the food; other places have a sad history, I was looking around me and I could read the disbelief, shock, sadness on people's faces. I could talk about Tasmanian food for a long, long time... beautiful, tasty, fresh, even the humble Ali Baba served real lamb meat rather than processed meat. The dark chocolate with frozen strawberries, hmmm, very nice. I hope you will enjoy our Tasmanian photo adventure; it will be fun.



What's on this month

Date	Meeting, excursion, walkabout or group event	Speaker/convenor
Thurs 6 July	Virtual outing: Winter – using smallest aperture	Laurie Westcott
Sun 9 July	Kingston Foreshores	Brian Moir
Wed 12 July	Astro Interest Group	John Mitchell
Thurs 20 July	Reptile Zoo, Federation Square, Gold Creek	Helen Dawes
Thurs 20 July	Meeting: Tasmania	Luminita Lenuta
Sat 29 July	Portrait Interest Group	Mark Stevenson

Reports

President's report

Probably we can all remember the first time looking up with the naked eye as a child and admiring the Milky Way stretching across the night sky or having the Southern Cross pointed out to us. At our June meeting John Mitchell shared his fascinating quest to photograph the night sky using a basic kit and gradually over time, moving to more specialised gear. His gallery showed beautiful panoramas where the Milky Way took centre stage, star trails and examples of combining the technique of light painting old farm machinery or old hay sheds in the foreground and a constellation in the background to add depth and interest to the composition. John talked about the pre-planning he does, scouting locations during the day so he knows what he wants to photograph before night fall. He also spoke of the apps he uses to check the planet positions, cloud cover and rise and set times, etc. How he uses different exposure settings for the background and the foreground and in post blending it all together. John mentioned how he has found the workshops he has attended most beneficial, particularly light painting with Richard Tatti. John also touched on the supportive community that has formed within the astrophotography group and how they learn from each other. It was a very informative presentation with stunning photos.

At our July meeting Luminita will be taking us to one of the most amazing photographic landscape locations in the world. A place where there are prehistoric rainforests, Huon pine, sassafras and myrtle trees, hidden waterfalls, alpine bushwalks and many UNESCO world heritage sites - Tasmania. It is sure to be a beautiful presentation - hope to see you there.

Nicky Bazley-Smith
President

Portrait Interest Group report

The June Portrait Interest Group meeting took place at Parkes Place East Lawns on Saturday, 24 June. The 10.00 am start was a very welcome one given the morning was overcast with a chill wind. Thanks to all those who braved the cold!

The long, tree lined avenue between the Treasury and John Gorton buildings provided some strong leading lines for photographers and models to work with and allowed photographers to make good use of varying depths of field in their compositions. The other main feature of the area that was made use of by the group was the now long drained Federation Centenary Fountains. Reflective shots were still able to be taken in the water that remained trapped by the fountain's waterproof membrane.

The post-meet coffee was at the National Portrait Gallery.

Incidentally, the Portrait Gallery is currently hosting The National Photographic Portrait Prize 2023; from 17 June–2 October 2023, which may be of interest to members.

Mark Stevenson
Portrait Interest Group Convenor

Future events and meetings

Astro Interest Group meeting

The next zoom meeting for the astro photography interest group will be held on Wednesday 12th July 2023 at 7.30 pm.

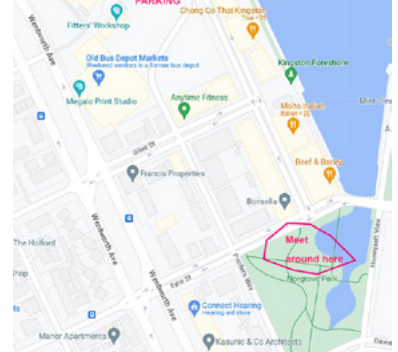
The new moon is due on Tuesday 18th July, so a week either side of this date should be good for astro photography.

Nothing planned for this month, however the panorama season starts as the milky way is high in the sky from now on.

John Mitchell

Outing, Sunday 9 July: Kingston Foreshore

Kingston foreshore consists basically of a strip of new buildings on the waterfront, dominated by cafes and restaurants. Photographic subjects include steel, concrete, glass and water. There is also a small park at each end of this area. See a couple of sample photos attached.



This is a popular place to be on Sundays, so I suggest we start reasonably early, before parking becomes too difficult.

Meet in Norgrove Park on Eyre Street at 9.30 am. We'll finish up with a coffee at the other end.

Weather: There is rain coming this week. If it is wet on Sunday we can find a certain amount of shelter at the front of buildings. Otherwise we can just photograph our coffee, or head for the nearby Bus Depot Markets.

Brian Moir
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20 July 9:30 am: Canberra Reptile Zoo, Federation Square

Meet at the Cafe Injoy, Gold Creek, Nicholls. We'll start with coffee first and enter the Zoo at 10:00 am. I am making arrangements for something special for our visit. More information will be sent to you closer to the date.

If you love beautiful wall art and the weather gods permit it, there is an abundance at Gold Creek. You may consider staying on for lunch!



Hope you can plan to be there.

Helen Dawes

August newsletter advanced warning

Just to let members know that I will be away from 31 July to 13 August. Therefore the August newsletter will need to be published in late July, so I will need content early and promptly when I send out my next request.

Alison Milton
Newsletter Editor

Subject to change. Forward queries/suggestions to outings@southsidecameraclub.org

Outings and excursions are subject to change. If you are able to fill the gaps contact:

outings@southsidecameraclub.org

Date	Meeting, excursion, walkabout or group event	Convenor/speaker
Wed 2 Aug	Super moon rising	John Mitchell
Thurs 3 Aug	Virtual outing: Winter – sky	Laurie Westcott
Wed 9 Aug	Astro Interest Group	John Mitchell
Thurs 17 Aug	Meeting	Angela Robertson-Buchanan
Sat 26 Aug	Portrait Interest Group	Mark Stevenson
Sun 27 Aug	Namadgi National Park	Julie Taylor/Laurie Westcott
Thurs 31 Aug	Super moon rising – second chance	John Mitchell
Thurs 1 Sept	Virtual outing: Corners	Laurie Westcott
Tues–12–14 Sept	Canola/silo art road trip	Julie Taylor
Wed 13 Sept	Astro Interest Group	John Mitchell
Sat 16 Sept	Floriade	
Thurs 21 Sept	Meeting	
Sun 24 Sept	Stromlo – sunset/light painting	Brian Moir
Sat 30 Sept	Portrait Interest Group	Mark Stevenson
Thurs 5 Oct	Virtual outing: Framing for spring	Laurie Westcott
Wed 11 Oct	Astro Interest Group	John Mitchell
Tues 17 Oct	Murrumbateman	TBC
Thurs 19 Oct	Meeting	
Sat 28 Oct	Portrait Interest Group	Mark Stevenson
Sun 29 Oct	Rose Gardens: Parliamentary Triangle	Mark Stevenson
Thurs 2 Nov	Virtual outing: Wet, using the rule of thirds	Zoom: Laurie Westcott
Wed 8 Nov	Astro Interest Group	John Mitchell
Thurs 16 Nov	Meeting:	
Sun 19 Nov	Sunset: Mount Ainslie	TBC
Sat 25 Nov	Portrait Interest Group	Mark Stevenson
Tues 28 Nov	Camera basics: Weston Park	Outings Group
Sun 3 Dec	Christmas gathering by Lake Burley Griffin	
Thurs 14 Dec	Meeting: Year-end Show & Tell	

Contributions from Shane Baker

State of the backup: As data needs grow, backups need to fill the gaps

This [web site](#) asks the question: How often do you back up all the data on your computer? It gives an interesting analysis on back-up habits but while I haven't read the article in full, I found the following quite interesting.

Those who use a cloud backup service are more likely to say they had to recover, access, or restore lost data from their computer in the past month than those who use a cloud drive service, cloud sync service, or external hard drive (18% vs. 9% and 7% each).

Personally, I choose not to save anything in the cloud.

Steve Perry: Mirrorless shooters: critical advice about battery life (plus 8 tips for longer battery life)

If you're a mirrorless shooter, you no doubt have noticed that battery life isn't quite the same as what we had with our DSLRs. This [video](#) covers better ways to measure battery life with mirrorless cameras and show you how to leverage that information into realistic decisions about your power requirements in the field. In addition, it shares eight tips for prolonging battery life in your mirrorless camera. It's a must-see for every mirrorless shooter.

Best entries in the 2023 Australian Geographic Nature Photographer of the Year contest

The entries for the Australian Geographic Nature Photographer of the Year are in and the shortlist has been revealed.

Each year, it encourages photographers to capture stunning images taken in Australia, New Zealand, Antarctica and New Guinea.

And, in its 20th year running, this year is no exception.

In 2023 the competition, which is owned and produced by the South Australian Museum, drew 2,182 entries from 550 photographers across 10 countries.

But the shortlist could only be made up of 95 images.

South Australian Museum acting director Justine van Mourik said this year's judges, Mike Langford, Adjunct Professor Wayne Quilliam and Jackie Ranken, faced an epic task.

And this year it was even harder, with a new category attracting awe-inspiring images.

"This year we introduced the well-received macro category, with photographers submitting incredible larger-than-life-sized images of nature's smallest scenes," Ms van Mourik said.

That meant there were 10 categories this year:

Animals in Nature

Urban Animals

Macro

Landscape

Threatened Species

Monochrome

Our Impact

Junior

Portfolio

The South Australian Museum will announce the overall winner, category winners, runners-up and the Portfolio Prize in August.

Until then, here's a look at the [shortlisted images](#) in the Animals in Nature, Macro and Urban Animals categories.

Online resources

[Digital Photography Review](#)

[Photoaccess](#) – Manuka Arts Centre

[Red River Paper](#) – sign up to receive emails that contain good articles that are primarily about photographic printing but also on a wide range of photographic topics.

The Club online

Web site

www.southsidecameraclub.org/

Please send material for the web site to webmaster@southsidecameraclub.org

Facebook

flickr

[Links](#) to the Club's Facebook and flickr pages are available on the Club's web site under the [images / members on line](#) page.

To join you will need a Facebook and/or a flickr account.

- Go to the groups page
- Search for Canberra Southside Camera Club
- Click on the 'Join Group' button.

The request to join will be sent to the president as the group moderator. If you don't get a confirmation within a day or two email president@southsidecameraclub.org

Equipment list

Item	Custodian	Contact email
Elinchrome studio lighting equipment	Julie Taylor & Mark Stevenson	shinboner266@gmail.com
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Fixed lighting kit: stands, light sources, extras	Mark Stevenson	shinboner266@gmail.com

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Street in Jasper, Canada
Kumar Sukumar



*Finch Bay Cooktown
Bill Blair*



Fence and frost
Bob McHugh



*Multi-cultural Festival 2023
Mark Stevenson*



*Multi-cultural Festival 2023
Mark Stevenson*



*Milky Way
Luminita Lenuta*



*Goulburn night
Luminita Lenuta*



*Ceiling in Winnipeg train station, Canada
Kumar Sukumar*



*Scooter. Daintree Rive
Bill Blair*



*A grove of gums
Bob McHugh*



Bound in crystal
Bob McHugh



Time, see what's become of me
Bob McHugh



Urambi Hills at dawn
Bob McHugh



*Multi-cultural Festival 2023
Mark Stevenson*



*Multi-cultural Festival 2023
Mark Stevenson*



*Aurora
Luminta Lenuta*



Poppy
Helen Dawes



Poppy
Helen Dawes



Hooded Robin
John Mitchell



Flame Robin
John Mitchell



*Chocolate box rock
Rod Burgess*



*Opposing forces
Rod Burgess*



*Crescent Head sunrise
Rod Burgess*



Eastern Spinebill
Rod Burgess